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APPLICANTS: Rothberg et al.

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EXAMINER: YOUNG J. KIM

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FOR: **METHOD OF SEQUENCING A NUCLEIC ACID**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to submit an Amendment and Response in furtherance to the Notice of Appeal filed on June 29, 2006 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before December 29, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,590.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of the same, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **21465-501 CIP2**. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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